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## Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 41, please replace the section entitled ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE with the following amended section:

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fluorine gas discharge laser electrode for a gas discharge laser having a laser gas containing fluorine and a method for manufacturing an electrode is disclosed. The electrode may include a copper and copper alloy body having an upper curved region containing a discharge footprint and a lower portion. In one aspect of an embodiment of the present invention, the upper region may include copper and the lower region may include a copper alloy. A portion of the electrode facing a gas discharge region may be formed in an arcuate shape extending into straight line portions on either side of the arcuate portion. The straight line portions may terminate in vertical straight sides.